

SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1872.

[For the Las Vegas Gazette.]

TO A CHILD.

'Tis sweet the sky to see
When Morning glids the East,
But sweeter far 'twould be,
Upon thy charms to feast,

For Nature on these showers,
Her treasures all divine,
And with her choicest flowers,
Hurries thy brow to entwine,
With graces high and rare,
That shame the eyes of morn,
With all she has of fair,
She hies thy form to adorn.

Thy soft cheek always glows,
With something sweet to view,
For there the blushing rose,
Has stamped its glorious hue.

In the blue of thine eyes,
Two pearls their light display,
As when the unclouded skies,
Are lit by Hesper's ray.

And e'er a witching smile,
Thy beaming features lights,
As though made to beguile,
The dullness of our nights.

Yet child thy charms divine,
Would be a false pretense,
Were not thy soul the shrine,
Of stainless innocence. E. B.

THE ESCAPE OF M. CHILDERS.

Last Saturday, the 28th ult., about 9 o'clock P. M., Martin Childers, who a few days before had been committed to jail, as stated in our last, being accused of horse stealing and the murder of Sam Seaman, took a French leave and departed for regions unknown.

Being, as it is, that the county jail of San Miguel, in the town of Las Vegas, is the strongest and costliest edifice of its kind in the Territory, and besides the jailer a posse being in attendance to not only watch that the inmates would not run away, but also to guard them from being surprised or liberated by outside assistance, well may it be asked how otherwise could a man make his escape unless through either the neglect of duty of those employed or by means of bribes.

Last Monday the Prefect of this county, Hon. Cesario Romero, had the case brought before his court and after examining several witnesses and the defense of the attorneys pro and con, gave his decision that the jailer and four of the five guardsmen were guilty of gross neglect in their duties and ordered them to be committed unless each and all of them could respectively give \$5,000 bail to appear before the next district court.

So far so good. But by locking the stable after the horse is gone will not cause the animal to reappear in his stall.

By punishing the parties who allowed the prisoner to escape nothing is gained so far as the prevention of the fugitive is concerned; but we think much can be done towards the prevention of the like occurrence in the future by striking at the root of the evil in time.

If by so doing we will be obliged to criticize the acts of our county officials we want to have it clearly understood that we do not want to create partizan feeling or private enmity, aiming only thereby to cause the greatest good for the largest number. Carried on by this impulse of truth and justice, we assert that the Prefect and Sheriff are as much to blame for the flight of M. Childers as the poor devils who stood guard, and this for the following reasons:

First and foremost of all, we consider it a gross insult upon human nature to employ a man as jailer, exact his personal attendance night and day, without giving him a chance, or the liberty, to gain an honest living outside of the duties of jailer, and at the end of the month to pay him only TWENTY DOLLARS in script or greenbacks, as the case may be.

What respectable man, worthy to fill the position of trust of county jailer, is there in this community who can support himself, let alone his family, on seventy-five cents a day? Will not the pressing want of necessities of life make him an easy prey for bribes?

We therefore say that if the Sheriff of this county wants a responsible and trustworthy person let him consult with the Prefect to pay such a salary as will keep a man, if not luxuriously at least decently, supplied in the necessities of life.

Our jail is compact and strong enough for any one man to guard all and every outlaw confined therein. But if a case comes up, like the one in reference, where half a dozen guards are engaged, more for preventing interference from the outside than the fear of being able to escape from the inside and the prisoner still makes good his flight, then the Prefect fails to do his duty in not offering immediately a sufficient reward to induce persons to overtake and apprehend the fugitive and the Sheriff to be guilty of gross neglect for not starting immediately on the track, as well as the poor victims of deluded confidence as we will call them, not to say any worse.

We believe and sincerely hope that this will be a lesson to all concerned; and as it is an old saying that any remedy is "better late than never," although the bird has left the cage, it is still time for our county authorities to no only do a good deal yet in the present case, but also to guard against a like occurrence in the future.

During the proceedings last Monday and Tuesday, we noticed with pleasure the great efforts of our fellow-townsmen, Maj. A. Morrison, who took the part for the prosecution against the persons through whose negligence the said M. Childers had made his escape.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Local or special notices will be charged at twenty-five cents per line for each insertion.

Extra copies of the GAZETTE for sale at this office at 10 cts. a piece.

Groceries, of all kinds and of the best quality for sale cheap at Frank Chapman's.

A few Young Americans, one of them a girl about ten years old, celebrated New Year's day in rolling in the streets beastly drunk. Progress, you know.

For the cheapest and best drugs, paints and oils go and buy of Frank Chapman.

Las Vegas is just now a good place for somebody else to commence a sausage factory; plenty of dead dogs, cats, and other animals laying about in every street.

Boots and shoes, for ladies and gentlemen always at hand at the most reduced prices and of the latest styles at Frank Chapman's.

The epizootic is gaining ground towards the frontier, and we are informed that the Contractors of the S. O. Mail & Express Co., have permission from Washington to stop running their coaches should their horses be attacked by it.

Foreign and domestic dry goods, fancy goods of selected pattern and qualities to suit customers at Frank Chapman's.

To begin the New Year right see to it that thou payest the Printer that which thou owest him, that thy form may never be chased without finding the coin.

How many number 52's has the Weekly New Mexican?

What a blessing it is to live in New Mexico where in January Carpenters, Masons, Painters &c. are able to work out doors while our eastern neighbors have kneaded snows and colds ranging from freezing point to 25 and 30 degrees below zero.

J. F. Bennett's S. O. Mail & Express line has greatly reduced the prices, the following is now the fare: To Fort Selden, \$26; to Las Cruces, \$70; to El Paso \$80. Silver City \$90, and to Tucson, Arizona, \$140 from Santa Fe.

Now then is your chance to do something good for yourself as well as us. Commence the New Year with a new subscription for the Gazette.

We have heard it stated that the race between the horses of Don Dionicio Gonzalez and Mr. John Pendaries will not take place next Monday on account of disease of the Pendaries horse.

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The Commissioners of Public Schools for the Las Vegas precinct have already bought a building wherein to teach school, which at present is undergoing the necessary repairs; and it is expected that within a few days the teacher will be able to receive the pupils for tuition. Having now obtained the long desired conveniences for the culture of the young, we hope that every nerve of these in charge will be stretched to make it an institution worthy of the progressing spirit of Las Vegas; the aim, as we take it, being not only to make it a medium of learning but also an institution of culture and morality.

This morning at ten o'clock a mass meeting took place to make arrangements to have the Las Vegas Grant, approved by Congress June 21, 1869, surveyed and plotted and to receive patents therefrom from the government, but as we were obliged to go to proceed before being able to get the whole proceedings we will give a detailed account of it next week.

A heavy storm of wind has overtaken us last night which drove away the snow clouds which threatened to rob us in white.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Italy is threatened with famine.

Stokes' second trial is progressing.

The village of Tucson, Arizona, is to be incorporated as a city.

3,622,405 bushels of salt have been manufactured and sold in Michigan during 1872.

Col. William L. Roberts, an eminent lawyer and old resident of Austin, Texas, is dead.

New York papers favor the formation of a vigilant committee for the suppression of crime.

A black bear, weighing over 500 pounds, was recently killed in Van Buren County, Michigan.

Cesare Filibecchi, a former conspirator against the life of the Pope, committed suicide in Rome.

Detroit, Mich., is to have a new catholic church and nunnery, the latter to cost four thousand dollars.

Elizabeth City had a blow up, last week, of a ship house by powder. So says the *N. Y. Telegraph*.

Wm. Carey, of Galena, Ill., has been appointed U. S. Attorney of Utah, vice George G. Bates, removed.

From our California and Arizona Exchanges we see that Gen. Crook is making it mighty hot for the Apaches.

A party of Apaches from the Camp Grant Reservation recently stole 40 mules from Teamster's Camp, Arizona.

The Catholic Union of Ireland held their first public meeting and the St. Paul (Minn.) *Irish Times* says it was a great success.

The Colorado papers are at fight about railroad matters. (If we only had a railroad we would willingly fight for it afterwards.)

Golden City, Colorado had three fire alarms sounded during some day last week on account of burning chimneys under a fearful gale.

Michigan has a hemlock extract factory, by which until now considered useless bougts of the hemlock tree are converted into an excellent tanning fluid.

A bill has been introduced in Rome for the suppression of religious incorporations and the conversion of their property to be applied to the provincial government.

After all the fencing and parrying of some of the New York *Tribune*, Whitelaw Reid will permanently be the managing editor for there of. He has fifty shares of the stock.

The senior editor of the San Diego (Cal.) *Globe* has been indicted for libel against Judge R. M. Widney of Los Angeles.

A free country for free speeches, you know.

The Weekly Arizona *Miner* wants a penitentiary established in that Territory and advocates punishment for capital crimes by imprisonment at hard labor instead of Capital Punishment.

The Indiana legislature has a bill under consideration in pursuance of which, if it becomes a law, all murderers, acquitted by reason of insanity will be sent to the lunatic asylum for a number of years.

The Los Angeles *Express* complains of the scarcity of feed for sheep in that section. Now if it would not be a little too far for them to bring their sheep here we could offer to them the best pastoral facilities in the world.

The People's People is against the admission of Colorado as a State, at present. It says nothing is to be gained by it but a good deal may be lost. Sound logic but you will not get an inch less a whole degree of Northern New Mexico.

Rockport, Indiana, was the scene of a bloody tragedy last week between a Spaniard, named Lopez, and a certain Biles, Razors and Knives were the weapons which caused the death of Lopez and the unsightly putting of Biles.

We glean from the San Diego *Globe* that a party of Mohave and Tonto Apaches drove of twenty-four mules and dangerously wounded one of the men in charge in the southern part of Arizona while Gen. Crook is hunting them up in the North.

San Diego, California, has donated nine thousand acres of land to the Railroad King, Tom Scott, to induce him to locate the termini of the Texas and Pacific Railroad in that town.

Take example, land and grant holders of New Mexico; it is worth imitation.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company, to save a few dollars in their expenditures for coal, authorized their steamers to cost in the Gulf of Mexico and as the result of their penny-wise policy recently lost about six or eight hundred thousand dollars in foundering one of their boats, the Orisaba.

The Central City *Register* does not seem to have any good opinion of Mr. Morgan, of Ohio, on account of his introducing a bill into congress which, if it had passed would have given the foreigners a chance to get into the White House. That's just where we differ, we would like to be President too, some of these days.

A sailor explaining a quadrille to his messmates, thus describes the third figure: "You first heave ahead," said he, and pass your adversary's yard arm round your berth on the other tack in the same order, take your station with your partner in line, back and fill, and then fall on your knees, and bring up with your partner, she then measures ahead, off alongside of you, then make sail in company with her until nearly astern of the other line, make a stern board, cast off to shift for herself, regain your place the best way you can and let go of your anchor.

Telegraph News.

New York, Dec. 28.—The debris of the great Centre St. fire is still untouched by pick or shovel, and covered with snow and ice. The owner of the building, resides at Yorker, and has been telegraphed to several times, but no reply has been received. The police have no authority to touch burnt premises without the sanction of the owner, and are afraid to employ laborers for the purpose lest the controller refuse to pay the bills. In the meantime police headquarters are daily besieged by relatives of the unfortunate dead buried in the ruins, demanding that search be commenced, and eagerly offering assistance. Coroner Herman this afternoon officially requested Supt. Kelso to vacate the ruins, expressing the belief that the board of police commissioners or the department of public works has the power to order the work performed, and saying that no red tape ought to be allowed to interfere with the humane duty.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Telegrams from Yreka say the Modocs have been reinforced by straggling Indians, and that some of the Pitt River tribes have joined them. There are only 289 soldiers in the field; take those required for escort and guard duty and it only leaves seventy five fighting men; there are only fourteen soldiers on the Fort Klamath reservation to guard 2500 Indians. Mortars and bomb shells are to be employed in storming the Modocs lava bed stronghold. At a meeting of the citizens of Yreka P. A. Davis was appointed to go to Sacramento and ask Gov. Booth to call for volunteers from California, as the war is partly Oregon and partly in California either side of the boundary line.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—At the ironworks at Ironton yesterday Ellis Moore, James Venters and Andrew Dilles entered three boilers which had been disconnected from the rest of the battery for the purpose of cleaning them; they opened the mud valve and allowed the water to escape, but neglected to close it; the engineer who did not know of the connection between this valve and the one attached to the battery, turned on the steam from the latter instantly filling the empty boilers through the connected pipes. Venters and Dilles crawled out so badly scalded as to cause death in a few hours; Moore heard the steam coming, and retreated to the further end of the boiler and escaped unhurt.

Salt Lake, Dec. 29.—But little additional from the Cottonwood avalanche; it is now ascertained that twelve men are missing. The slide came from the top of the mountain, about a mile, with frightful speed and force, the prevailing storm preventing notice of its approach until it was upon the line of teams passing the point where it crossed the road. Men, mules, wagons and sacks of ore were carried away like wisps of straw. The body of snow were the force of shovellers at work is very large and the excavation slow. One body was recovered to-day. The storm still continues, snow in the mountains and rain here. Union Pacific train nine hours late.

New York, Dec. 28.—In the Stokes trial yesterday the prisoner told his story of the shooting, and admitted that he shot Fisk, but with intent to kill him; he averred that he shot in self defense. Fisk having drawn his pistol to shoot him; he had been in constant fear of personal violence from the emissaries of Fisk; he contradicted the evidence of Parker given the previous day, and denied ever having called Fisk a black mailer or having threatened to shoot him.

New York, Dec. 29.—A Washington special says Sumner's health is very precarious, and the physicians are visiting him twice a day. The same special says Wheeler of N. Y., will withdraw from the contest for Speakership in favor of Blaine.

A new charter for the city has been prepared by the republicans to present to the legislature.

Collingwood, Ont., Dec. 29.—Capt. Ormand, his chief engineer and four of the crew of the steamer Cumberland, which was frozen up in Bear Lake in November, arrived last night having walked down along the north shore of Georgia Bay. The Captain reports having left the steamer in safe quarters with the first mate in charge. The steward, stewardess and two waiters also remained on board.

London, Dec. 29.—It is expected that 75,000 British coal miners will strike on the first of January.

A dispatch from Hong Kong says the ship Barnes, Capt. Anderson, left that port for San Francisco, and went ashore among the Loo Choo islands and became a total wreck; all the crew were drowned except five. The British gunboat Curlew has gone to the relief of the shipwrecked.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—Thos. Jones, living six miles from this city last evening killed his wife with a blow of his fist; he was arrested this morning.

Thomas Brown, a farmer living in Hendricks county, killed his wife on Thursday last by striking her on the head with a chair while under the influence of liquor. She was his third wife.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—Thirty steamboats are laid up in the frozen river exclusive of iron ferry and harbor tow boats. They are all protected so as to be secure from harm when the river breaks up.

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—The large steam tannery at Portsmouth was yesterday destroyed by fire—loss \$90,000, insured for \$150,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Fort Gibson says the epizootic has appeared there, and nearly all the government animals have it.

New York, Dec. 30.—London files give details of the great storm which swept over the British islands on the 8th instant. In London trees were uprooted in the parks, conservatories and glass roofs crushed in, chimney tops came to the ground by the dozen, houses unroofed and side walls driven in, a large factory levelled to the ground and forty storm patients received during one night in the hospitals.

At Liverpool the iron clad Great Britain dragged her anchors in the Mersey, and pitched against a pierhead, staying in here storm so that the sea made a clear sweep through her cabin. The *Melpomene* went ashore; a tug ran under the bows of the Great Western to haul her to a place of safety, and was never seen again having been swallowed up by the sea.

At Clifton the pinnacle of Christ Church fell and went through the roof, precisely the same thing happened at Yeoville, Taunton and Crenshaw.

Heavy pieces of architecture that had stood the storm of centuries, such as walls and towers, were demolished.

In Savernay forest, Marlborough, ninety magnificent forest trees, all close together, were blown down, and buildings unroofed.

Vessels were dashed by the score against the coast. At Richmond a stone wall a hundred yards long and nine feet high was blown down. Accident happened to gasometers leaving whole districts in darkness, and one exploded killing several persons.

New York, Dec. 31.—J. S. Adams, collector of the port of Pensacola, is missing from Taylor's Hotel in Jersey City; as he had a large amount of money in his possession foul play is feared.

Advices from Washington state that Secretary Boutwell has prepared his resignation to take effect on the 15th proximo. The names of Henry Clew and ex-Governor Morgan are most prominently mentioned as his successors.

The Tribune Washington special says the President visited the treasury department yesterday and was for two hours in conference with the Assistant Secretary Richardson. The President is reported to have the fullest confidence in Richardson as a man of sound judgment and great financial tact, and his friends have often conjectured since the election that he would attest his friendship and respect by inviting him to take charge of the department after the 4th of March next in case Boutwell resigned. It is stated that Richardson said he did not want the place but would retire with his chief and do a banking business in Europe. In such case the President's choice will fall on one of the country with whom the President is on intimate personal terms.

The news of the resignation of Secretary Boutwell as proposed was considerably discussed on Wall street yesterday, the prevailing speculation being that assistant secretary Richardson would receive the office for a few weeks, after which he expected to receive a financial position from a New York house. It is thought that the office should be filled by a New York man, but it is improbable that either ex-Governor Morgan or Henry Clew will be the person as some reasons will operate against these gentlemen as prevented A. T. Stewart from accepting office.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Sumner's physician says his condition is very bad, and that he has a frequent recurrence of acute pain in the region of the heart, a relic of the spinal difficulty which has afflicted him for the past fifteen years; these attacks are very violent and prostrating, but of short duration, he suffers greatly from the loss of sleep, and each night on retiring an opiate is introduced under the skin of the arm by which some sleep is induced.

Since it has been established that the salary of the Nicaragua ministry is so great, applications for that position have increased in a wonderful manner. Among the names mentioned of parties applying for the place are two governors of territories, and several senators whose terms expire with the present session.

New York, Dec. 30.—A large crowd was gathered at the Centre street ruins when a force of a hundred men was at work removing the ruins. The intention of employing workhouse laborers has been abandoned, and poor men engaged. The belief seems to prevail that the remaining bodies are buried in the ruins of the staircase. Alderman Gilsen contributed \$5000 towards the expense of removing the ruins; Judge Dowling and others have promised to increase their subscriptions; Coroner Herman gave \$500. No other remains have yet been discovered, but pieces of shawls, stockings, etc., have been found. Comptroller Greene has written to the coroner that he cannot put the expense of removal in the tax levy as that is already made up, but he will see that it is paid.

Burgins entered Trinity Church last night and robbed the contribution boxes; they evidently were after the communion service, but it was locked up in the safe.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The death of the King of the Sandwich Islands, and the future of that kingdom in view that he left no heir to the throne, is the subject of considerable comment and speculation here in official and diplomatic circles. Gov. M. Cook, of Colorado, who was minister resident of Honolulu prior to Grant's administration, is of the opinion that if our government wants to annex the island, it can be done now without much difficulty; if our present minister there shows any sort of management he can have control of matters, the English and French ministers are absent on leave, and there are no vessels of war in Hawaiian waters except Americans, and in all the departments of the government of the Kingdom, the Americans have the ascendancy.

Salt Lake, Dec. 30.—It has been ascertained that eleven men are buried in the Cottonwood snow slide, some of them being strangers from the east, but three bodies have yet been found.

The small pox scare seems to have been a false alarm, and but one or two cases are known.

The Tribune to day strongly advocates the appointment of the senior number of the firm of Walker Bros for Governor of Utah, upon the principle that citizens of the territories should hold the official positions. Our week of snow and rain closed last evening.

Washington, Dec. 30.—On January 10th the committee on elections will resume the investigation of the charge against Senator Caldwell that he was elected by bribing certain members of the Kansas legislature. The testimony taken by a committee of the legislature is already before them and at the time above stated they will begin the examination of witnesses, the sergeant at arms having already summoned twenty persons for that purpose.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The French minister at the papal court has resigned because some French naval officers in Rome at the beginning of the holidays called on the king and pope the same day and tendered the compliments of the season. The monarchists seek to make political capital out of the affair. The Union publishes an address praising the ministers act as a striking disavowal of the policy which would abandon the holy Father to spoliation and insult.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The commission to inquire into the Mexican depredations on the Texas frontier will leave here on the 7th of January to resume their investigations.

By the law of England every witness must be sworn according to some religious ceremony or other, there is, however, no prescribed form of oath. It is to be that which the witness himself declares to be binding upon his conscience and he is always allowed to adopt the ceremonies of his own religion. The following is given in a case reported in an English law report as the form of swearing a Chinese: On entering the box the witness immediately knelt down in his hand, he struck it against the brass rails in front of the box and broke it. The crier of the court then by direction of the interpreter administered the oath in these words, which were translated by the interpreter into the Chinese language, "You shall tell the truth the whole truth, the sinner is cracked, and if you do not tell the truth, your soul will be cracked like the sinner."

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